



MEMORANDUM

TO: Indiana State Board of Education

FROM: Dr. George Frampton, Chief School Certification Officer

DATE: September 29, 2009

SUBJECT: Professional Development Grant Funding

The General Assembly has allocated money for professional development programs for the 2009-2010 school year. All public schools, including charter schools, and accredited non-public schools, including, freeway schools, are eligible to participate in the professional development grant program.

To obtain a professional development grant a school must submit:

- The annual review and revise report showing changes to the school improvement plan as well as expenditures from last year's grant.
- The most recent school improvement plan.
- A professional development grant application.
- The required school and corporation level assurance forms for the grant showing approval by building principal district superintendent as well as the district's exclusive bargaining representative.

The state budget approved in June provided \$5.5 million dollars for this grant. This is an approximately 60% reduction in funding from last year's \$12.8 million dollar amount.

Grant dollars will be distributed in two phases. After Board approval, schools whose grant application has been approved will receive a \$1,250 flat grant. A per pupil amount will be distributed in December based on the October 1, 2009, pupil enrollment count from the required DOE-PE report submission.

Recommendation- Approval of the grants for the 1933 schools on the attached preliminary funding list.